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REFERENCE TO "THE DISTANT NEIGHBOUR'S LINE"

From: MOSCOW

To: WASHINGTON

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19 February 1946

To KUL'KOV(1).

[C. Admit] to the premises of the OSSHO(11) SIDOROV  
Vladimir Andreevich for cipher work in the Distant Neighbour's  
[DAL'NIY SOSED](111) line.

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ZHEREBSTOV(1v)

Comments: (1) KUL'KOV: Known from another message to be Head of  
the OSSHO in the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.  
Probably either Vasilij Vasil'evich KUL'KOV or  
Petr K. KUL'KOV, both of whom served as clerks in  
the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.

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- rather, 'Secret (classified)' and Cipher Dept.*
- [ii] OSSHO: The code room. The meaning of the first 'O' has not been determined but might be OSOBYJ - special. The 'SSHO' probably stands for Secret Cipher Department (SEKRETNQ-SHIPROVAL'NYJ OTDEL), which has occurred in the expanded form in NGB traffic.
- Since it is said to have been an employee of the military attaché of the Sov. Cons.*
- [iii] DAL'NIJ SOSED: the Chief Intelligence Directorate (GRU) of the General Staff of the Red Army. The term originated through the geographical location of the GRU office in MOSCOW in relation to the NKID office. (See G.Z. BESEDOVSKIY, "Na Putyakh K Termidoru", Paris, 1930, Vol. I, p. 50.)
- [iv] ZHREBTSOV: Head of 10th OTDEL (i.e. the cipher department) of the NKID in MOSCOW.

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